

REMARKS

Further to the amendment of February 4, 2008, applicant respectfully requests entry of the present supplemental amendment.

The present amendment amends claim 12 to further clarify the process for preparing vodka. In addition, new claims 18-23 have been added.

Claim 18 is directed to a process for preparing vodka. Support for claim 18 may be found in original claim 4.

Applicant understands that original claim 4 was objected to for allegedly being indefinite. However, applicant believes that the claim is definite to one skilled in the art. The applicant has discovered for the first time a process to prepare vodka in which a mixture of absolute alcohol and water is purified over activated coal, then cooled and filtered to provide a high quality vodka with low amounts of impurities.

It is believed that the combination of the active coal step with a purification step, in which the mixture is treated with a cooling step and filtration step, aids in the production of claimed high quality vodka.

The process further comprises adding sugar and aroma compounds, and optionally other ingredients. However, these ingredients may be added to the mixture of absolute alcohol and water at any time during the process. A filtration step is utilized. However, the filtration step does not necessarily have

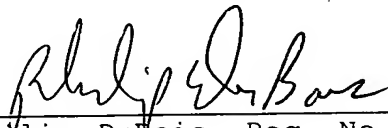
to follow the cooling step. For example, the sugar, aroma compounds and other ingredients may be added in between these steps. This is believed to be apparent from claim 18. Indeed, active steps are recited in claim 18. While the steps have been characterized in claim 18, this does not mean the claim is indefinite. Thus, in view of the above, applicant believes that claim 18 is definite to one skilled in the art.

In view of the present amendment and the amendment of February 4, 2008, applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action. Allowance and passage to issue on that basis is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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